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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

DUFOUR ET AL.

Examiner

ALI BAYAT

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 June 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 5 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SF/ICE)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. New corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in this application because applicant has not provided any drawing. Applicant is advised to employ the services of a competent patent draftsman outside the Office, as the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office no longer prepares new drawings. The corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The requirement for corrected drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 2 the phrase "said number of frames is equal to two" is not clear to the Examiner, it is not clear, which set of frames applicant is referring to? The non object-oriented frames or object oriented frames. Please clarify.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this

Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (e) as being anticipated by Bordes ET al. (US 6,909,747).

In regard to claim 1, Bordes provides for a non object-oriented coding step, applied to a small number of frames of the video sequence (col.4 lines 56-65, note stationary background correspond to non objected oriented for some frames);

(b) an object-oriented coding step, applied to all the frames of the sequence that follow said small number of frames(col.4 lines 56-65, note groups of pictures comprise images coded in inter mode, of B and/or P type) ; (c) a sequencing step, provided for controlling that said non object-oriented and object-oriented coding steps are respectively applied to the appropriate frames, in order to generate a coded bitstream including non object-oriented coded data corresponding

to said small number of frames followed by object-oriented coded data corresponding to said following frames (col.5 lines 10-25).

In regard to claim 2 as best understood, Bordes provides for as coding method, in which said number of frames is equal to two (col.4 lines 55-60, note inter mode).

In regard to claim 3 Bordes provides for a method, wherein coded bitstream also includes information about the number of regions of interest in the original video sequence (col.4 lines 46-50, note point of interest of the scene).

In regard to claim 4 Bordes provides for a coding method, wherein information about the number of regions of interest is given at the picture level (col.4 lines 35-40, note groups of images or GOP or group of pictures in the MPEG standard).

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claim 5 is allowed.

Reasons for Allowance

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the closest prior art of Bordes failed to teach or suggest for (1) a first decoding step, applied to said non object- oriented coded data of the coded bitstream that correspond to said small number of frames of the original video sequence ;
- (2) a spatio-temporal segmentation step applied to said non object-oriented coded data of the coded bitstream that correspond to said small number

of frames and provided for reconstructing the missing shape component of the VOs ;

(3) a second decoding step, applied to said object-oriented coded data of the coded bitstream that correspond to said following frames ;

(4) a sequencing step, provided for controlling that said decoding and segmentation steps are respectively applied to the appropriate frames. As cited in claim 5.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ALI BAYAT whose telephone number is (571)272-7444. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew Bella can be reached on 571-272-7778. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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